

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the Claims 1, 3, and 4. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to Claim 1 are supported by the application as originally filed and particularly page 6, lines 23 through page 7, line 4 and the Figures 1, 2, and 3. In view of the above, therefore, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has objected to Claim 3, and Applicant has amended the Claim 3 as indicated.

The Examiner has rejected the Claims 4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29 and 34, stating that the Claim 4 is vague and indefinite. Applicant has amended the Claim 4, and respectfully submits that all of these claims now comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has rejected the Claims 1-40 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Kawashima et al., stating that Kawashima et al. discloses each and every element of Applicant's invention as claimed.

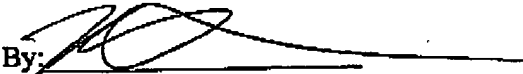
In reply thereto, Applicant has carefully reviewed Kawashima et al., and respectfully submits that in Kawashima et al., the pad member 2 and the lens member 1 are assembled first, and this assembled body is then brought into engagement with the frame member 3 followed by snap locking. As a result of this method of assembly, Applicant respectfully submits that in Kawashima et al., the lens 3 can be neither replaceable nor detachable from the frame body (the combination of the frame members 3 and the pad member 2). In order to replace the lens, the lens member and the pad member must be disassembled from the frame body and then the lens member must be disassembled from the pad member. In contrast thereto, in Applicant's invention, the lens itself is replaceable and detachable with respect to the frame body, i.e., the combination of the resilient and the rigid frame member.

In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Kawashima et al. does not disclose each and every element of Applicant's invention as claimed, and that the Claims 1-40 are not anticipated thereby.


In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered, favorably considered, and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

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